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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 4, 2008.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, President, St. Luke Institute, Silver Spring, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, in this season, from what was lifeless in death, we now see the bursting forth of new life. Thus we enter a great time of hope. As we begin this day and the days ahead, may we open ourselves to You, drink freely of Your new life, and step forward in confidence and trust.

We thank You for these great gifts that You share with us. We trust You to lead us into tomorrow. And we pray this, as we pray all things, in Your holy name. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Speaker pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Speaker pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5858. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a copy of draft legislation, "The Rural Housing Section 502 Guaranteed Loan Enhancements Act of 2007"; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5859. A letter from the Deputy Principal Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, transmitting the annual report to Congress describing the activities of the Defense Production Act Title III Fund for Fiscal Year 2007, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. app. 2094; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5860. A letter from the Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a detailed boundary map for the Wildcat River in New Hampshire, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 6394; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5861. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's first biennial report on the implementation of the Deep Sea Coral Research and Technology Program, pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Re-

authorization Act of 2006; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5862. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's 2007 Report to Congress on the Disclosure of Financial Interests and Recusal Requirements for Regional Fishery Management Councils and Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSCs), in compliance with Section 302(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

5863. A letter from the Chair, Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's Annual Report for FY 2007, pursuant to Public Law 99-661; to the Committee on Science and Technology.

5864. A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's report on its support of basic research that can be considered high-risk or high-reward, pursuant to Public Law 110-69, section 1008(c); to the Committee on Science and Technology.

5865. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting an annual report of the Department's Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties for fiscal year 2007, pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 345(b); jointly to the Committees on Homeland Security and the Judiciary.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CONYERS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2176. A bill to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; adversely (Rept. 110-541 Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. CONYERS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 4115. A bill to provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; adversely (Rept. 110-542 Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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